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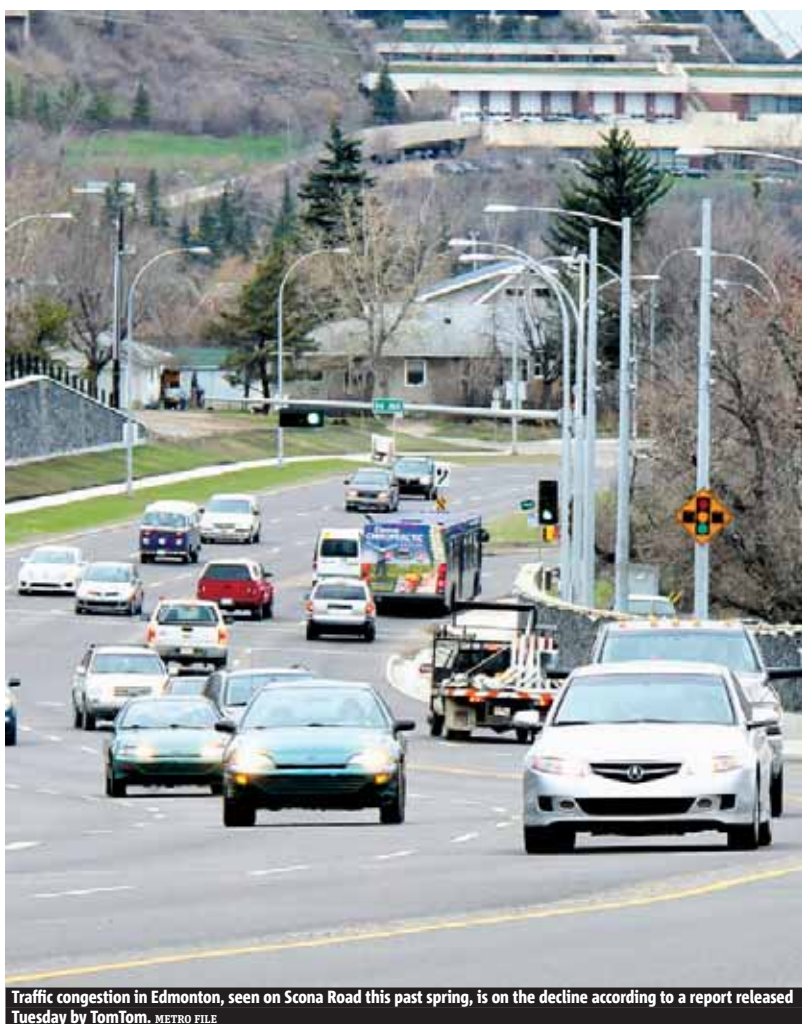
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Edmonton traffic congestion on the decline: Report

Congestion Index.

TomTom report based on real-time travel data from cities' road networks



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Despite any traffic headaches motorists may claim, Edmonton has dropped in the ranking of most congested cities.

The TomTom Congestion Index released Tuesday ranked Edmonton 23rd among 26 major North American cities for the first quarter of 2012, with 13 per

cent congestion, compared to an eighth-place finish during the same period last year.

"This year, Edmonton experienced a mild winter compared to last," Nick Cohn, head of congestion research, said via email. "Weather is one of many factors, like construction, accidents, et cetera, that can influence our results."

But the 2012 numbers thus far are lower than the last three quarters of 2011, as well.

According to motorist Michael Thomas, a decrease in construction projects, the opening of the northwest leg of the Anthony Henday and increased LRT use likely

played a part.

The report says the delay per hour driven in peak periods is 13 minutes, while the delay per year for those with a 30-minute commute is 40 hours.

By comparison, those numbers are double in Vancouver, which ranked first in the country and second overall with 30 per cent congestion.

Los Angeles was first overall at 33 per cent, and Calgary dropped from 13th to 16th with 17 per cent congestion.

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Playing the name game

Could this be the return of K-Days? The former moniker of Capital Ex is going up against five other possible names in a contest to re-brand the summer exhibition

Who will lead RIM next?

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Help the homeless beat the heat

Dropping off warm clothing and blankets to homeless shelters is a common thought during Edmonton's chilly winters.

But those living on city streets need help during the summer too, especially considering the current heat wave.

"(We) welcome any reusable water bottles or any bottled water because it's pretty hot out there, and many in our community don't have much opportunity for shelter," said Julian Daly, executive director of Boyle Street Community Services.

While bottled is best, as clients may not have access to a water source at all times, reusable bottles are also being handed out.

Sunscreen is also supplied – but water is the top need.

"Our biggest need, obviously, is water because of the weather," said Kelsey Strachan, media relations at Hope Mission. "People are spending their days out on the street, so it's important they stay hydrated."

The air-conditioned shelters are in high use right now, said Strachan, noting at Hope Mission there has been about a 100-person increase to more than 500 per night in the heat.

"We definitely do see more people using our shelter at night when there's extreme weather," she said.

Donations can be dropped off during business hours.

HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

Real estate. House prices up, condo prices down: Royal LePage report

Edmonton house prices rose this year while condos fell, according to the Royal LePage house price survey released Tuesday.

The average price of a detached bungalow increased 5.1 per cent year-over-year to \$327,857, while standard two-storey homes rose 1.3 per cent to \$353,764. Standard condominiums saw an average year-

over-year price decrease of 1.1 per cent to \$201,000. LePage attributes the slight decline in condo prices to an oversupply of listings.

Edmonton prices remain reasonable compared to national figures, the company reports. Nationally, two-storey homes average \$408,423, bungalows \$376,311, and condos \$245,825. **METRO**

Blackouts. AESO blames generator outages, record consumption

Six generator outages and a high-demand for power across Alberta is what caused rolling blackouts Monday in cities across the province, Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) said Tuesday.

Albertans used 9,885 megawatts (MW) of power during the hour of 2 p.m. on Monday, breaking the previ-

ous summer record of 9,552 MW from July 18, 2011, AESO said.

That surge, alongside unplanned outages of four coal-fired and two gas-fired generators, is what prompted them to enact rolling blackouts in Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer and Lethbridge to cut power consumption. **METRO**

Contest could bring back K-Days in 2013



The Banjo Busters perform at the Capital Ex media launch, Tuesday, at Northlands. LAURIE CALLEN/METRO

Name Your Fair. Choices released for re-branding of exhibition



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In 10 days, Edmonton will kick off the last Capital Ex.

After this year's fair, it will be re-branded under one of six names — EdFest, The Edmonton Exhibition, Edmonton Summer Exhibition, River City Festival, River City Summer Fair or its former moniker of K-Days — through Northland's Name Your Fair contest.

Northlands president and CEO Richard Andersen said the new name should reflect Edmonton but also be adaptable to changing yearly themes.

"One of the things our team

has tried to do over the last six months is really listen to the community. This was never about the name. It's always been about Edmontonians and northern Albertans want for their fair," he said Tuesday.

The winner of the contest will be announced July 29.

Andersen also said this year's fair will see a number of improvements, like the first theme for Capital Ex, changes to the parade, entertainment enhancements and new food on the menu. Capital Ex kicks off July 19 with a parade through downtown Edmonton.

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Warlord jailed: Is his partner next?

Lubanga gets 14 years. He and renegade Bosco Ntaganda sent child soldiers to kill and be killed

The International Criminal Court on Tuesday sentenced a Congolese warlord to 14 years in jail for using child soldiers.

But Thomas Lubanga's partner in crime has yet to be brought to justice.

Lubanga was found guilty in March of recruiting, kidnapping and abusing children — sending them to kill and be killed during tribal fighting in Congo's northeast Ituri region in 2002-2003.

Lubanga's was the first guilty judgment passed down in the court's decade-old existence.

But the mustachioed Lu-

banganga, who cried when he was put on a plane from Congo to The Hague in 2006, is a small player among Congo's many belligerents.

Lubanga's case has brought increasing pressure for the arrest of his much more infamous partner, renegade Congolese army Gen. Bosco Ntaganda. The ICC indicted both men for war crimes involving child soldiers.

But a 2009 peace deal saw Ntaganda wearing the stripes of a general as he integrated his fighters into the Congolese army.

Sensing the end of the road this year, the veteran warlord took off and now is accused of orchestrating a new rebellion in April.

Judge Adrian Fulford said the time Lubanga has been detained will be deducted from the sentence, meaning the 51-year-old will be free before he turns 60.

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Grim Reaper cuts to the chase: Science policies in peril

A protester wearing a Grim Reaper costume is the focus of a crowd's attention on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Tuesday during a rally to protest the federal government's cuts to science policies. Protesters cite cuts to research programs in Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the National Research Council of Canada, Statistics Canada and elsewhere. Dr. Scott Findlay, associate professor and former director of the University of Ottawa's Institute of Environment, says there is a "systematic campaign to reduce the flow of scientific evidence to Canadians."

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Canadian's tribute

Asteroid named for gay pioneer

Canadian astronomer Gary Billings, who discovered several asteroids, has named one after U.S. gay rights pioneer Frank Kameny, who died last year.

Kameny was fired from his job for being gay.

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Bodies found

Fire deaths spark murder fears

Three bodies found inside a burning garage in a community north of Montreal have police fearing a murder-suicide.

Police say autopsies are needed to identify the remains and cause of death.

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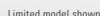
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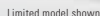
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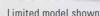
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Sting. Porn star part of plot to catch Luka Magnotta

Twin Playboy bunnies and an animal-rights group tried to enlist one of the world's biggest porn stars last year to help catch Luka Rocco Magnotta.

Ron Jeremy said he was asked to lure Magnotta, a small-time Canadian porn actor, to L.A. with a phoney job offer to appear in an X-rated flick.

The play was concocted more than a year before Magnotta became a murder suspect in the gruesome death of Montreal student Jun Lin.

Instead of meeting a legend who's cavorted for the camera in more than 2,000 adult films, Magnotta was to be apprehended by a hard-nosed group of animal-rights activists.

Jeremy, however, got cold

feet and the sting operation never moved ahead.

At the time, animal-rights advocates had alleged that Magnotta killed kittens and posted videos of the deeds on the Internet — accusations he has publicly denied. Jeremy, an active animal-rights campaigner, wanted to help out, but was uncomfortable with the whole idea of being the bait.

"That's a little bit out of my league, don't you think?" Jeremy said in a phone interview.

"It's like an episode from some TV show. The (guy) comes to the set with lube in one hand and his schmeckle in the other thinking he has a job, and the cops tackle him to the ground."

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Trinidad & Tobago

Machinery crushes nesting turtle eggs

A conservation group in Trinidad & Tobago is calling for an investigation into how government work crews crushed leatherback turtle eggs and hatchlings

on a prime nesting beach. The endangered species' eggs and hatchlings were crushed by heavy machinery as workers re-directed a shifting river over the weekend. A conservation group says the government allowed the crew to operate "without any qualified supervision" on the ecologically sensitive beach. Conservationists say they saw thousands of crushed leatherback eggs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hop on a bike, light up a street, and get out early

Brazil. Prison program allows inmates to get days off their sentence in exchange for producing electricity

Brazilian inmate Ronaldo da Silva hops on a bicycle and pedals furiously, clocking up several kilometres before slowing down and jumping off.

Silva hasn't gotten far, in fact not an inch. He's still inside the medium-security prison where he's serving a 5.5-year sentence for holding up a bakery.

But he did move a bit closer to freedom. Silva is part of an innovative program that allows inmates at a prison in Brazil's southeastern Minas Gerais state to reduce their sentences in exchange for generating power to help illuminate the town at night.

By pedaling the prison's stationary bikes, the inmates charge a battery that's used to power 10 street lamps along the town's riverside promenade. For every three eight-hour days they



Inmates pedal stationary bikes to charge car batteries at a prison in Santa Rita do Sapucaí, Brazil. The innovative program allows inmates to shave days off their sentence. FELIPE DANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

spend on the bikes, Silva and the voluntary program's other participants get one day shaved off their sentences.

It is one of several new projects being implemented across Brazil, including literacy and book-reading programs, aimed at thinning out notoriously over-

crowded prisons and cutting down on recidivism by helping restore inmates' sense of self-worth. Lambasted by critics as too soft on criminals, such initiatives are seen by their defenders as effective ways of breaking the cycle of violence that reigns in the country's prisons.

"We used to spend all day locked up in our cells, only seeing the sun for two hours a day," said 38-year-old Silva. "Now we're out in the fresh air, generating electricity for the town and at the same time we're winning our freedom."

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Determination helps foreign-trained dentist restart his career in the Prairies

Discipline and hard work are paying off for Dr. Hooman Mohandesan, who today is enjoying the rewards of his labour, after a gruelling three-year journey to re-launch his career as a foreign trained dentist in Canada.

"It was honestly very hard, but when you're done, you feel the joy and pride of this difficult task, chuckles Iranian-born and trained Dr. Mohandesan, who completed the two-year International Dentist Degree Program at the University of Manitoba, as well as intensive National Dental Board exams.

To make it through the eligibility exams, interviews and heavy course load, Dr. Mohandesan followed a careful regime during those years – focusing on his studies with short work-outs at the gym." Since there was no guarantee that I would be accepted to the program on my first try, I concentrated on the exams and making contacts to learn the process and prepare myself," he recalls.

While excited to rebuild his career in welcoming, multicultural Canada, the dedicated student struggled to preserve his savings, since he didn't know when he might begin practicing his profession. "It took some time to get used to my new economic status as a student, with all the daily expenses, but no income," he explains.

Fortunately, during an orientation event at University of Manitoba, Dr. Mohandesan met Scott Bollman, a Manager of Small Business at Scotiabank. "I liked the interaction with Scott at our meeting," says Dr. Mohandesan. "Since as a newcomer I was not very familiar with the Canadian financial system, I had a lot of questions, and Scott was very patient throughout our discussion about student loans and banking options."

Scott explained the *Scotia Professional*® Student Plan, tailored for students like Dr. Mohandesan who was completing a professional degree, offered tips on affordable Winnipeg neighbourhoods, and demonstrated how a Scotiabank line of credit would accommodate his needs.

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"That's how we serve our customers, particularly new Canadians who face many challenges to establish themselves at the beginning," observes Scott. He adds that he offers programs such as the *Scotiabank StartRight*® Program¹ for Newcomers,

which includes a free day-to-day bank account for one year², a wide range of credit card options³ and a number of other customized services and benefits.

Although Dr. Mohandesan is enjoying a bit more leisure time since graduating, he continues his hard working style, serving as a Dental Implants Fellow and as a researcher and clinical instructor at the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba. His advice to other newcomers, "Concentrate on your goals, learn the process, and build good relationships with people who know what to do to get your career or finances in order."

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iPads to start selling in China after settlement

Apple will start selling the iPad in China on July 20 after paying \$60 million US to settle a dispute over the ownership of the tablet's name.

Apple said it bought the global rights to the iPad name from Shenzhen Provview Technology in 2009, but Chinese authorities said the rights in China were never transferred.

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Privacy probe

Google poised to pay record fine

Google has agreed to pay a \$22.5 million US fine to settle allegations that it broke a privacy promise by secretly tracking the online activities of millions of people who use Apple's Safari web browser.

If approved, the \$22.5 million fine would be the largest penalty ever imposed by the FTC.

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RIM execs clash with shareholders over leadership

BlackBerry maker.

Chairwoman says she is confident re-elected board will move company forward

Shareholders of Research In Motion expressed their frustration Tuesday with the company's delayed product launch and eroding market share, with some calling for a major upheaval in its leadership.

At RIM's annual meeting, one shareholder took to the microphone to offer his best wishes for Heins before turning his attention to the board members who have helped guide the company since its heyday as the dominant smartphone.

"They've let this problem that RIM faces ... get out of hand so badly before they did something about it," he said.

The crowd of about 300



Chair Barbara Stymiest and Thorsten Heins, President and CEO of Research in Motion (RIM), talk at the company's Annual General Meeting in Waterloo, Ont., on Tuesday. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

people broke into applause after the comments.

However, shareholders still re-elected all of the board nom-

inees, though John Richardson had support withheld by 30.2 per cent of the votes.

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Economy. Weak recovery creating a lost generation

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"We need to avoid the risk of a lost generation by all means."

Secretary-General Angel Gurría

The weak global recovery is turning unemployment into a long-term structural problem with the potential to scar youth and some workers the rest of their lives, the OECD warns.

In a new report on employment in the post-recession years, the Paris-based economic think-tank calls on policy-makers in large parts of Europe and in the U.S. to take "urgent action" to prevent a cyclical jobless problem from becoming permanent.


Secretary-General Angel Gurría singles out youth unemployment at 16.2 per cent in the 34-country area covered by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, and long-


term joblessness — workers that have been without a job for periods of one year and longer and two years and longer.


Canada gets mostly a free pass in the report. The OECD notes unemployment sits at 7.2 per cent in Canada, as opposed to 7.9 per cent for the OECD average, and is projected to decline to 6.4 per cent by late 2013.

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TOUGH TO DENY GLOBAL WARMING WITH RECORD HEAT



JUST SAYIN'
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The evidence is mounting. The past six months have been the hottest in U.S. history. Going back further, the last 12 months have been the hottest in the U.S. since they began keeping weather records and all the meteorologists had beards.

If that's not "global warming," I don't know what is. But, of course, if you're floating along De Nial and you encounter evidence that might capsize your boat, you just toss it overboard.

Science says...

"Angered and frustrated by the intransigence of climate change deniers, the latest results have scientists standing in line to say 'I told you so.'"

you explain the fact that more people believe in angels (72 per cent) than Darwin's Theory of Evolution (45 per cent), even though there is plenty of evidence for evolution (e.g. the entire fossil record) and zero evidence for angels (It's a Wonderful Life doesn't count).

Of course there are exceptions. Like Vancouver, where I live. Vancouver appears to be the sole exception to global warming on the entire continent. While everyone else is sweltering through the hottest summer on record, the poor downtrodden, sodden masses of Vancouver have just been through the fourth coldest June on record. It's been the Vancouver version of winter (10 degrees, raining) since last October.

From where we sit (shivering, cowering), global warming can only be seen as a cruel hoax. It may have reached an all-time record high of 113 F (45 C) in Johnston, S.C., recently, but it only reached or exceeded 20 C five times in Vancouver throughout all of May and June. I've got moss growing on the north side of my house. My feet haven't been warm since 1989, when I moved to the "Wet Coast."

Global warming is a little quirky in spots.

That doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Angered and frustrated by the intransigence of climate change deniers, the latest

results have scientists standing in line to say "I told you so." That's except for those scientists whose funding has been cut by the Harper government. They're standing in that other line, the unemployment line.

I'm guessing all this hot air will remain an inconvenient truth, especially for the government of Canada, which is among the most heavily invested in denial, thanks to the inconvenient truth that Alberta's oil sands — which mean billions to the nation's economy — are the poster petroleum of climate change.

Still, when Calgary, Stephen Harper's own "greatest city on earth," and principal beneficiary of the oil sands, is in the middle of a nasty heat wave, you have to wonder if he and his oil baron buddies are getting a little hot under the collar.

If they're looking for relief, we in Vancouver will gladly take a couple of degrees.



This weather is crazy, just like Jeff Grayson, who somersaults from a rope swing in Cockeysville, Md., in this July 2 photo.
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Offbeat photography

Artwork goes pop

This surreal amorphous shape looks like something otherworldly, but in truth it's an ordinary soap bubble, made to look spectacular thanks to some ingenious high-speed photography.

Swiss photographer Fabian Oefner, 28, made it his mission to capture the short-lived beauty of bubbles as they burst. **METRO**

Oefner on his art

- **The first challenge.** "A soap bubble is made of a thin film of water, on which soap molecules gather on both sides. The vibrant colours that bubbles are famous for are created by the reflected light hitting the surface of the bubble — the bubble itself has no colour at all. To make these reflection effects ... I had to place lights around the bubbles from all different sides."

Other uses of bubbles

Bubbles used for thinnest TV screen

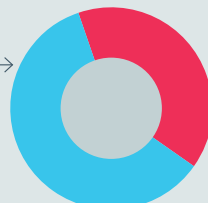
Earlier this month, an international research team discovered a way to use a soap bubble screen as the world's thinnest TV display. Japanese and U.S. scientists used ultrasonic sound to change the properties of a bubble's membrane. The technology can be used to display 3-D images using a series of bubble screens put together. **METRO**



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Scene in brief

**Run-DMC
to perform
for first time
in a decade**

They haven't performed together in more than a decade, but the surviving members of Run-DMC are set to reunite this fall at the Fun Fun Fun Fest in Austin. It was announced Tuesday that the band will be among the performers for the Nov. 2-4 event.

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On the web



Crooner Michael Bublé joins Blake Shelton's The Voice team, advising singing contestants.



Ice Age: Continental Drift continues a Hollywood tradition of bending history. HANDOUT

Hollywood history earns failing grade

Top 10. Here are just a few examples of movies that rewrite the history books to suit their narratives

IN
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"We fought dinosaurs in the ice age," Sid the Sloth says in this weekend's Ice Age: Continental Drift. "It didn't make sense, but it was fun."

It doesn't make sense because dinosaurs were already extinct by the time Manny, Sid and Diego entered the ice age, but the popular kids' movies aren't trying to teach, they're simply continuing a long-held Hollywood tradition of bend-

ing history to suit their stories. Here are 10 other bits of Hollywood history that earn a failing grade.

1 The movie When Dinosaurs Ruled the Earth drew on Phoenician, Latin and Sanskrit to create a fake caveman language. Here's a quick Berlitz primer in cavespeak: For "come back" say "neecha," "akita" is "look" and "neecro" is "bad."

2 The man-eating Rhedosaurus in The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms is a dinosaur, but one that no paleontologist would recognize. It's rumoured the mythical beast's name was inspired by the initials of the man who created it, special effects wiz Ray Harryhausen.

3 Mel Gibson wore clothes from the future in Bravehe-

art. The movie is set in the late 13th century, but the kilts he wears didn't come into existence until 300 years later.

4 Instead of dying in the gladiatorial arena, as Gladiator would have you believe, Emperor Commodus was strangled in a bathtub a decade after his would-be movie assassin (played by Russell Crowe) died.

5 The Spartans in 300 run into battle against the Persian army protected only by leather thongs and rock-hard abs, when in fact they wore bronze armour.

6 As a knight returning from the Crusades in 1272, Nic Cage discovers a plague outbreak in Season of the Witch. Trouble is, the Black Death didn't strike until 76 years later.

7 In 10,000 BC woolly mammoths are used as labour to build the pyramids in Egypt. Wrong! Woolly mammoths weren't desert creatures and the pyramids weren't built until 2500 BC.

8 In Elizabeth: The Golden Age, the Queen is courted by Ivan the Terrible in 1585, who, in reality, was dead by then, felled by a stroke while playing chess.

9 California joins the Union at the end of Legend of Zorro in a ceremony that includes President Lincoln. Whoops! California became a state in 1850 and Lincoln wasn't president until 1861.

10 The title of the historical disaster film Krakatoa: East of Java is a geographical head-scratcher. Krakatoa was actually west of Java.

Big Brother is back



Julie Chen returns as host for the 14th season of Big Brother. HANDOUT

Top 5 Big Brother moments

To mark the return of the in-fighting and intrigue that makes Big Brother so hard not to watch, we count down some of the craziest moments from the first 13 seasons. The reality show returns to Global this Thursday at 9 p.m. ET/PT.

1 Torture cage: A challenge where house guests were locked in a cage for several hours attached to a button with restricted movement. (Season 6)

2 All washed up: Housemates had to collect liquid while running through aisles of foam. (Season 8)

3 Bunny hop: House guests had to stand on a platform for several hours holding a key during a freezing-cold water down-pour. (Season 8)

4 Name that pie: A food challenge where house guests had to eat a pie and guess the unpleasant ingredients. (Season 8)

5 Brownie house: A food challenge where the contestants had to gain the most weight after eating a large house made of brownies. (Season 3) METRO



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Lily Allen. ALL PHOTOS FROM GETTY IMAGES

Lily Allen pregnant with second child?

After welcoming her first child with husband Sam Cooper in November 2011, Lily Allen is reportedly pregnant again, with a second child due later this year, according to the Sunday Mirror.

"She's pregnant but it's early. Lily doesn't want to talk about it yet," a source says.

"Lily has started telling her friends, and everybody in her close circle is so

excited for her."

Last month, Allen announced she was back in the recording studio, but those plans may have to wait.

"It was a surprise, but Lily and Sam are thrilled," a source says of the new pregnancy.

"The pair of them have loved every minute of parenthood so far and wanted to expand their brood quickly. So it's great timing."



Scarlett Johansson

Johansson looking to make bank with Avengers sequel

Scarlett Johansson is going to make a mint for appearing in a planned sequel to The Avengers, reprising her role as Black Widow.

The actress has reportedly been offered \$20 million for the film, according to

the Sun.

To put that in perspective, though, co-star Robert Downey Jr. reportedly made \$50 million for the first Avengers film, which has grossed \$1.35 billion worldwide so far.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Katie Holmes goes to a Spice Girl for marriage counseling

THE WORD

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After she reached a divorce settlement with Tom Cruise on Monday, we were all set to go back to ignoring Katie Holmes for the next decade or so.

But then this little bit leaked: It seems she turned to none other than Victoria Beckham for marriage advice.

"Victoria's been a real

tower of strength. Katie's seen how a normal marriage should function by being around Victoria and David Beckham, so she knew that something was wrong with her relationship with Tom," a source tells Now magazine.

"(Victoria) has been trying not to take sides, but she has let Katie know she'll be there for her whatever she chooses to do."

Katie, we get that you've had an exceedingly strange, disconnected five years, but marriage counseling from a Spice Girl?

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Katie Holmes



Kristen Wiig

Kristen Wiig continues to shy away from spotlight

Kristen Wiig is enjoying her budding romance with Strokes drummer Fabrizio Moretti — who used to date Wiig pal Drew Barrymore — but that doesn't mean she's comfortable talking about it.

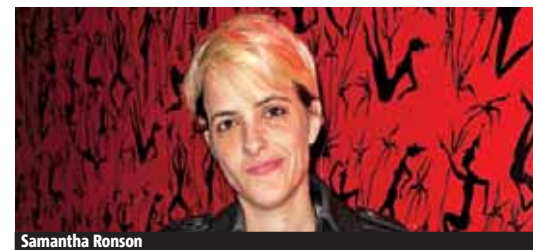
"I am shyer than most people think," Wiig tells Marie Claire. "I will say that I'm happier than I've been and I feel very lucky right now."

As for her departure from Saturday Night Live

after seven seasons, Wiig says that was always the plan.

"I know a lot of people probably assume, 'Oh, she's leaving because she is going to be doing movies now and things like that,' which I will be," she says.

"But I just always knew it was going to be seven and that was it. I think maybe if I were 22, I could see myself staying a little bit, but it just felt like the right time."



Samantha Ronson

Slightly talented celebrity calls out talentless celebrity

Celebrity DJ Samantha Ronson isn't pleased with Paris Hilton's decision to become a DJ, according to TMZ.

"If you're just like, 'Oh, I want to figure out how I can make more money this

week,' it insults the people that work really hard at it," Ronson tells the website about the news.

"It's like me calling myself a doctor from reading WebMD twice."

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LIFE

Travel in brief

Montreal hotel tops customer review

A downtown Montreal hotel boasting an art collection featuring the likes of Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and Marc Chagall has topped Expedia's annual list of the best Canadian hotels. LHotel, located on Rue Saint-Jacques near the Palais des congrès, scored highest in 2011 in Expedia customer reviews, says the online travel agency. The hotel, which opened in 2001, occupies an 1870 building that first served as the head office of the Montreal City and District Savings Bank. Artworks are displayed in public areas and guest rooms of the property.

Other top-rated Canadian hotels on the Expedia.ca list: Pan Pacific Whistler Village Centre, Whistler-Blackcomb, B.C.; Four Seasons Vancouver; Prince George Hotel, Halifax; and Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, North Vancouver. The No. 1 hotel in the world, according to Expedia, was Marro's Boutique Hotel in Bratislava, Slovakia.

In the world ranking, LHotel placed 59th. The global list identifies the top hotels available on Expedia based on quality and value scores.

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On the web



Canadians not always aware of medical costs when travelling: BMO survey

Are you brave enough to descend into a Hell Hole?



Some of the Hell Holes near Napanee, Ont., have ladders so visitors can descend their depths. COURTESY: TOP 115 UNUSUAL THINGS TO SEE IN ONTARIO, BOSTON MILLS PRESS

Book excerpt.

Looking for a trip off the beaten path? Try thumbing through a collection of weird Ontario sites

A walk through the forest can sometimes be a dangerous thing, not necessarily from wolves or bears or even deer hunters, but from a careless step into a hole, especially when the hole leads to Hell.

The limestone ridge along the Salmon River north of Napanee, Ont. contains some of the area's most unusual natural features. There are caves, crevices and odd-looking rock columns. But the strangest of the oddities are what locals call the "Hell

Holes."

To early settlers unfamiliar with geology, these holes in the forest floor seemed to have no end. While most are little larger than foxholes, a few are large enough to allow a human to squeeze through. Those who braved the descent found caverns that stretched in many directions.

Geologists refer to these phenomena as "karst" features. Karst topography occurs when soft limestone layers beneath a hard upper layer dissolve in water. This weathering causes caves and caverns, and the Hell Holes.

Similar to caves, the holes in the forest floor can open into large, pitch-black rooms, one of which was once large enough to hold 20 people (it later collapsed). While there are other locations in Ontario



with similar features, the ridge by the Salmon River, near the village of Roblindale, offers the greatest concentration of these cavities. Most are located in the privately run Hell Holes Park. Here, a self-guided trail, a little over three kilometers long, leads

not only to the strange holes, but also over natural rock bridges, through eerie canyons lined with layered cliffs and columns, and then to the Devil's Horses' Stable hole, 7.5 metres deep and 2.5 by 3.5 metres square. A ladder leads to those depths.

Hell Holes Park is located on Centreville Road about 5.5 kilometres east of Highway 41, and 10.7 kilometres north of Highway 401 (Exit 579). Snacks, gifts and, of course, flashlights are available in the log cabin shop. It is said that one visitor even took his wedding vows in the Hell Holes. The duration of this marriage is not known.

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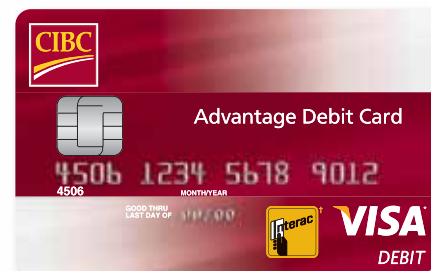
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Pueblos dig into a century of history in exhibit

New Mexico. An American Indian tribe comes together for the first time to offer their own perspective on the effects of state policies on their people

New Mexico's pueblos have a history with the federal government unlike any other American Indian tribe.

They never signed treaties, and with that came decades of a dual existence. On one hand, they didn't fit the mould the government had established for native people. Still, they were Indian enough to be subjected to policies that called for them to trade in their native languages and send their children to boarding school.

For the first time, the pueblos have come together to offer their own historical perspective on the effects of 100 years of state and federal policy as part of an exhibit at the Indian Pueblo Cultural

Center in Albuquerque.

Simple black and white designs meant to represent turkey feathers form the basis of a timeline that runs through the museum. Photographs, letters, pottery and other crafts fill the space, while touch screens and QR codes link to more videos, audio interviews and documents.

"The timeline and the points along the timeline are really elements of challenges our pueblo people have faced and how pueblo people through education and through perseverance have risen through these challenges.

"It's important to teach a younger generation the foundation of why certain things are the way they are," said Travis Suazo, exhibition project manager.

Scattered along the Rio Grande Valley and parts of west-central New Mexico, the pueblos have a storied history that stretches from the conquest of the Spanish to Mexican rule and eventually the westward expansion of the United States. Each decade has brought with it challenges to tribal sover-

eignty, pueblo leaders say.

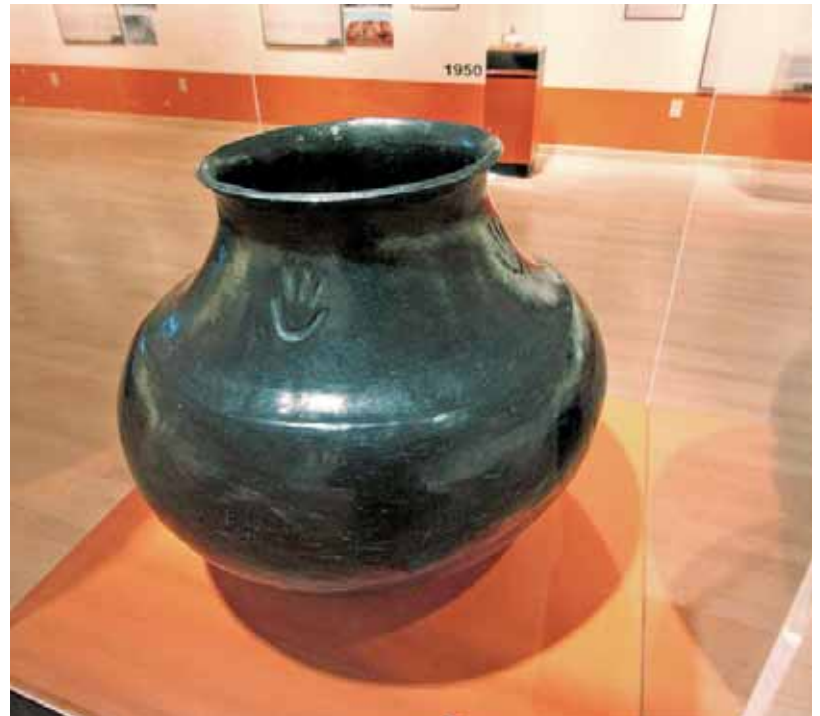
The idea of telling the story from the pueblo perspective came from a series of leadership institutes at the Santa Fe Indian School that were established partly by Regis Pecos, a former tribal governor and past director of the state's Indian Affairs agency. One goal was to start a conversation about public policy issues facing tribal communities.

Another was to prepare the next generation so it could effect change.

Aside from pulling together the exhibition, the leadership founders and other experts have been building a curriculum that better tells the pueblo story, said Ron Solimon, executive director of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

"We're aiming at concentric circles of youth, native people and others," he said. "A lot of us — and I include myself — suffer from ignorance on the rich history that our pueblo people have been involved in, especially since the U.S. claimed this area as a territory."

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One of the pieces of pottery that are on display at the exhibit.

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Turn cherries upside down (literally) in simple, yet mouth-watering, cake

1. Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). Grease a 9-inch (23-cm) baking pan. In small pan, melt butter, then stir in brown sugar, and cook until sugar dissolves and boils for 1 minute. Pour into pan and spread evenly. Ar-

range cherries in a single layer over sugar mixture.

2. Using an electric mixer, beat butter until creamy. Gradually add sugar and continue to beat until creamy. Add eggs one at a time, scraping down sides until blended. Add vanilla and beat. In a small bowl, stir flour with baking powder, baking soda, salt and nutmeg. Gradually add flour to butter mixture alternately with milk, starting and ending with flour.

3. Spread batter evenly over cherries. Bake in centre of preheated oven until a toothpick comes out clean, about 60 to 70 minutes. Check cake after 50 minutes, and cover loosely with foil if getting too dark. Run a knife around the edge of cake pan. After 15 minutes, carefully invert onto a cake plate. Serve warm or at room temperature. Just before serving, dust with icing sugar if you like. **NEWS CANADA/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMLYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA**

Ingredients

Filling

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) brown sugar
- 4 cups (1 l) California cherries, pitted

Cake

- 1/2 cup (125 ml) unsalted butter
- 1 cup (250 ml) granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp (10 ml) vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) baking powder
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each baking soda and salt
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) nutmeg
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) buttermilk
- Icing sugar (optional)

Cherry Upside Down Cake



This recipe serves 10. NEWS CANADA

Drink of the Week

Orange Dreamside Milkshake

For the frosty part of this milkshake, go with sorbet. Though high in sugar, sorbets generally have no fat. For creaminess, use cottage cheese. The curds blend smooth with a rich and creamy texture. Add in a bit of fat-free half-and-half to finish.

- 1 cup orange sorbet (mango also is good)
- 1/2 cup low-fat cottage cheese
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup fat-free half-and-half

In a blender, combine all ingredients. Blend until smooth. If you prefer a thinner consistency, drizzle in additional half-and-half while the blender is run-



ning until you get the desired consistency. Serve immediately. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Upside Down Berry Cheesecake. Pudding with tasty tangy flavours

When there is not enough time to make a cheesecake but you want that sweet, tangy, creamy texture in a dessert, this pudding will do the trick.

If you are using fresh berries, freeze them for about half an hour or more. The chill of the frozen berries helps set the pudding.

1. Chop any large berries into smaller pieces; set aside.

2. In a bowl, using an elec-

tric mixer, beat the softened cream cheese with granulated sugar or icing sugar it is until fluffy; gradually beat in milk or any type of cream and vanilla until it is totally blended and smooth. Stir in the fresh or frozen berries.

3. Spoon into dessert cups or dishes and sprinkle with graham crackers. Serve it immediately or cover and refrigerate for up to 2 days.

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Ingredients

- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) mixed frozen or fresh berries, slightly thawed
- 250 g (1 brick) cream cheese, softened
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) granulated sugar or icing sugar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) milk or any type of cream
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) vanilla
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) crumbled graham crackers, oatmeal cookies or chocolate cookies



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I need help with the hunt! Getting you from looking for a job to locking one down

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Which qualities are essential to entry-level job search success?

I love having a chance to answer this question because the qualities which are important in job searching are often overlooked.

A lot of time is spent determining the 'right' skills and worrying about having the 'right' degree. Not a lot of time is spent thinking about the process of the job search itself, and what helps you to see it through to completion (i.e., to a job offer!).

Persistence The importance of persistence is obvious. Any job search takes time and effort. And while you will find success at the end, and lots of interesting information, helpful people, and a variety of leads, along the way, there will inevitably also be doors that close, dead ends, and unhelpful people too.

When and if you stumble (and we all do), it's the ability to pick yourself up and keep going that will get you to your goal. It seems corny to say "never give up," but really being persistent and

holding on to the belief that things will happen, is one of the most important qualities for successful job searching.

Commitment to networking Almost every successful job search is based on networking.

And not just the activity of networking, but the personal commitment to get out there and continually work on your networking. For some people this is really taking yourself out of your comfort zone.

It can be way easier to just sit at your computer (alone, in your comfortable home) and surf job posting sites. Talking with people, real live people, can seem way scarier, but, ultimately, job search success comes from continuing to be committed to connecting with people.

Flexibility Being flexible means being open to the unexpected opportunities and ideas that will come your way as you job search. Where we end up is rarely exactly where we expected. Your job search is not usually like going to the grocery store, where you head directly to the aisle with the product you want, and grab it. It is more like an exploration.

Until you have done a lot of your research and job searching, you won't know which aisles have what and what jobs in what organizations are even available right now.

And what is available will be constantly changing. More often I find that successful people narrow things down to a focus, but a focus that leaves space for some flexibility.

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Student Voice

The key to my success? Staying specific

Zaid Toorawa
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Before my final year at York University, I began to look for opportunities and started to follow up with my networks. It was not as easy as it looked.

I was successful in getting interviews, but actually landing a job was fairly difficult. In my final semester, I went through about five interviews in which I had a zero per cent success rate. I was nervous when graduation day came and I still had no full-time job.

Even with experience throughout school, it was extremely difficult to land your 'type' of job. I realized soon enough that I was all over the industry and had the mindset of just 'landing a job.' I hadn't cared about where I was looking and which was my first step to failure. Then I soon realized I wanted to target specific companies in the banking industry through my networks and was able to land a job successfully.

Where I am now

I currently am employed at CIBC World Markets as a Financial Analyst. I am looking to apply to B-school for September 2013.

My recommendations for employers, schools and career centres

Emphasis should be placed on developing new skills and educating students on



how to gain a competitive advantage. Schools should organize networking events on a regular basis as it would allow students and new graduates to have some sort of motivation, especially with the downturn of the economy.

My recommendations for students

Get involved and start networking. When I started my first year at York University, I did not know where to look for advice, nor was I receiving any. I personally wouldn't want students to network solely in their final year of school rather than throughout their degree. What makes him/her stand out from other graduates/students? How is he/she more qualified? Why should we choose him/her? These are some of the questions employers tend to ask themselves when choosing their desired applicants. Do something different, get involved and network!

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SPORTS

Cycling

Former Armstrong staffers given lifetime bans

With Lance Armstrong still digging in for a legal fight, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency on Tuesday issued lifetime sports bans to three former staff members and consultants on Armstrong's winning Tour de France teams for doping violations. Luis Garcia del Moral was a team doctor; Michele Ferrari a consulting doctor; and Jose (Pepe) Marti a team trainer for Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service and Discovery Channel squads. All had been accused by USADA of participating in a vast doping conspiracy on those teams during part or all of Armstrong's seven Tour de France victories from 1999-2005. Armstrong also has been charged and has declared his innocence.

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Mobile sports



Diego Maradona was popular with fans and helped put United Arab Emirates soccer on the map, but after his team finished eighth in a 12-team league, he was fired on Tuesday after one season as coach of Dubai club Al Wasl. Scan the code for the story.



The National League's Pablo Sandoval hits a three-run triple in the first inning off American League starter Justin Verlander on Tuesday night in Kansas City, Mo.
CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Giants huge in NL's all-star triumph

MLB. Sandoval, Cabrera provide offence, and Cain pitches gem in mid-summer blowout

Pablo Sandoval and Melky Cabrera turned the all-star game into a Giant blowout.

Flashing their bright orange spikes and booming bats, the San Francisco sluggers keyed a five-run blitz against Justin Verlander in the first inning that sent the National League to an 8-0 romp over the American League on Tuesday night in Kansas City.

Cabrera homered and won the MVP award, and Giants teammate Matt Cain started a strong pitching performance

All-star game

8

National

0

American

for the NL in its most-lopsided all-star victory.

Cain combined with Stephen Strasburg, R.A. Dickey, Arodis Chapman and the rest of a lights-out staff on a six-hitter. "San Francisco Giants show," Matt Kemp of the rival Dodgers said during the game.

Ryan Braun, an all-star again after his drug suspension was overturned last winter, doubled, tripled and made

a fine catch in the outfield to help give the NL its first three-game winning streak in two decades.

Chipper Jones singled in his final all-star at-bat at age 40 as the NL, under retired manager Tony La Russa, once again claimed home-field advantage in the World Series.

Teen sensation Bryce Harper had a shaky all-star debut. Fellow rookie Mike Trout, only 20, showed off his dynamic skills.

The game was pretty much decided a few moments after it started.

Sandoval hit the first bases-loaded triple in all-star history off Verlander, who couldn't control his 100 m.p.h. heat. Cabrera singled and scored the first run, then hit a two-run

homer against Matt Harrison in a three-run fourth.

"I don't get many triples," said the slow-footed Sandoval, known as Kung Fu Panda. "We had some fun with that in the dugout."

Rafael Furcal also hit a three-bagger, making the NL the first league with three in an all-star game.

As the all-stars returned to Kansas City for the first time since 1973, La Russa bid a fond farewell to the national stage in the city where he played for his first major-league team.

Having retired after managing St. Louis to last year's World Series title, La Russa became just the fourth inactive manager to skipper an all-star team and improved to 4-2.

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Cycling

Coach 'optimistic' for Hesjedal's Olympic return

Injured Canadian cyclist Ryder Hesjedal has resumed training and should be ready for the coach of Canada's elite road racing team.

"He's feeling really good on his recovery, and we're all optimistic he'll be ready," Gord Fraser said at an event in Vancouver earlier this week.

Hesjedal, a 31-year-old Victoria native, was forced to withdraw from the Tour de France after getting hurt in a crash involving at least two dozen riders Friday. He suffered massive bruising on his hip and knee.

"He went out for a training ride (Monday) and is feeling better," Fraser told reporters at a news conference on B.C. SuperWeek, a series of races taking place in the Vancouver area.

"So he's pretty upbeat and pretty optimistic that he'll be 100 per cent sooner rather than later, because he has to redirect his training. He's not going to come off the Tour de France and have the race provide his fitness. He's going to have to do it himself." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Ryder Hesjedal GETTY IMAGES FILE

Tour de France. Sources say French rider among three arrested in doping probe

The longtime problem of doping hit the Tour de France head-on Tuesday when a French rider was arrested at his team hotel and suspended by his team.

Police made their move on the Tour's first rest day in arresting Cofidis cyclist Remy Di Gregorio, with judicial officials saying two other people suspected of supplying the Frenchman with banned substances were also arrested — one along with the rider in Bourg-en-Bresse, and another in Marseille.



Remy Di Gregorio GETTY IMAGES

The officials requested anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly as the investigation is ongoing.

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CFL

Calvillo returns to practice

Montreal Alouettes quarterback Anthony Calvillo returned to practice Tuesday, a day after skipping a session because of a bruised left shoulder.

The 39-year-old pivot was hurt in Montreal's 41-30 win over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on Friday.

"I'm feeling good and I'm looking to play on Thursday against Calgary," Calvillo said.

The Als will be looking for revenge against the Stamps after Calgary demolished Montreal 38-10 in Week 1. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA. Lewis follows fellow ring-chaser Allen to Miami

Rashard Lewis has decided to join the Miami Heat, becoming yet another shooting option for the reigning NBA champions.

Agent Tony Dutt said the free agent forward and the Heat agreed to terms on Tuesday, and Lewis is expected to sign his contract Wednesday. Lewis' decision comes just four days after Ray Allen agreed to accept an offer from Miami.

Allen and Lewis were Seattle teammates from 2003 through 2007 and both figure to fit perfectly into Miami's plan to surround LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh with even more long-range shooters.

By the numbers

\$1.3M

Lewis will make the veteran minimum for Miami for this coming season, worth about \$1.3 million. He will pick up another \$13.7 million from the final year of his most recent contract — a \$118 million, six-year pact — that was bought out earlier this off-season by New Orleans.

Allen's 2,718 made three-pointers are the most in NBA history, and Lewis ranks fifth among active players with 1,690 makes from beyond the arc. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	52	33	.612	—
Baltimore	45	40	.529	7
Tampa Bay	45	41	.523	7½
Boston	43	43	.500	9
Toronto	43	43	.500	9½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	47	38	.553	—
Cleveland	44	41	.518	3
Detroit	44	42	.512	3½
Kansas City	37	47	.440	9½
Minnesota	36	49	.424	11

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	52	34	.605	—
Los Angeles	48	38	.558	4
Oakland	43	43	.500	9
Seattle	36	51	.414	16½

Tuesday's result

National League 8, American League 0

Fridays games

L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.

Detroit at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.

Cleveland at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.

Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.

Oakland at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.

Texas at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

Saturday's games

L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.

Cleveland at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.

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Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.

Oakland at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.

Texas at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's games

L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.

Cleveland at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.

Detroit at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.

Boston at Tampa Bay, 1:40 p.m.

Oakland at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.

Texas at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	49	34	.590	—
Atlanta	46	39	.541	4
New York	46	40	.535	4½
Miami	41	44	.482	9
Philadelphia	37	50	.425	14

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	48	37	.565	—
Cincinnati	47	38	.553	1
St. Louis	46	40	.535	2½
Milwaukee	40	45	.471	8
Chicago	33	52	.388	15½
Houston	33	53	.384	15½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	47	40	.540	—
San Francisco	46	40	.535	½
Arizona	42	43	.494	4
San Diego	34	53	.391	13
Colorado	33	52	.388	13

Tuesday's result

National League 8, American League 0

Fridays games

Arizona at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.

Washington at Miami, 7:10 p.m.

St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.

N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.

Philadelphia at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Houston at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Saturday's games

N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 4:05 p.m.

Arizona at Chicago Cubs, 4:05 p.m.

Philadelphia at Colorado, 4:05 p.m.

Washington at Miami, 7:10 p.m.

St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.

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N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 1:35 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.

Arizona at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.

Philadelphia at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.

Houston at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.

San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.

St. Louis at Cincinnati, 8:05 p.m.

NL ALL-STARS 8, AL ALL-STARS 0

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Hollidy ph-dh	1	1	1	1	ACarer ph-ss	1	0	0	0
CJones ph-dh	1	0	1	0	Cano 2b	2	0	1	0
Bourn ph-dh	1	0	0	0	Kinsler ph-2b	2	0	0	0
McCarr cf	3	2	2	2	Hamltin lf	2	0	0	0
AMcCt cf	2	0	1	0	Trout if	1	0	1	0
Braun lf	3	1	2	1	Bautist rf	1	0	0	0
Bruce rf	2	0	0	0	Trumo rf	2	0	0	0
Votto 1b	3	0	0	0	Fielder 1b	2	0	0	0
Freese 1b	1	0	0	0	Konerk 1b	0	0	0	0
LaHair 1b	1	0	0	0	Mauer 1b	1	0	1	0
Beltran rf	1	1	0	0	Beltre 3b	2	0	0	0
Harper ph-1f	1	0	0	0	McCarr 3b	1	0	0	0
Possey c	2	1	0	0	Andrus 3b	1	0	0	0
Ruiz c	1	0	0	0	Ortiz dh	2	0	1	0
Sandovl 2b	2	1	1	3	Butler ph-dh	2	0	0	0
DWright 2b	2	0	0	0	Napoli c	2	0	1	0
Ugglu 2b	3	0	1	1	Wieters c	2	0	0	0
Altuve 2b	1	0	0	0	Gmdrs cf	2	0	0	0
Furcal ss	3	1	1	0	AdJons cf	1	0	0	0
SCastro ph-ss	1	0	0	0					
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Second, Brian Runge; Third, Tony Randazzo;

Right, Brian Knight; Left, Lance Barksdale.

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CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Toronto	2	1	1	0	54	55	2
Montreal	2	1	1	0	51	68	2
Winnipeg	2	0	2	0	46	74	0
Hamilton	2	0	2	0	52	82	0

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Saskatchewan	2	2	0	0	60	17	4
B.C.	2	2	0	0	72	52	4
Calgary	2	1	1	0	74	49	2
Edmonton	2	1	1	0	20	32	2

WEEK THREE

Thursday's game

Calgary at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's game

Winnipeg at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 14

B.C. at Saskatchewan, 3 p.m.

Toronto at Hamilton, 7 p.m.

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE

STAGE WINNERS

June 30 — Prologue: Liege, Belgium, 6.4 kilometers (4 miles) (Stage: Fabian Cancellara, Switzerland; Yellow Jersey: Cancellara)

July 1 — First Stage: Liege to Seraing, Belgium, plain, 198 (123) (Peter Sagan, Slovakia; Cancellara)

July 2 — Second Stage: Vise, Belgium to Tour-naï, Belgium, plain, 207.5 (128.9) (Mark Cavendish, Britain; Cancellara)

July 3 — Third Stage: Orchies, France to Boulogne-sur-Mer, medium mountains, 197 (122.4) (Sagan; Cancellara)

July 4 — Fourth Stage: Abbeville to Rouen, plain, 214.5 (133.3) (Andre Greipel, Germany; Cancellara)

July 5 — Fifth Stage: Rouen to Saint-Quentin, plain, 196.5 (122.1) (Greipel; Cancellara)

July 6 — Sixth Stage: Epervay to Metz, plain, 205 (127.4) (Sagan; Cancellara)

July 7 — Seventh Stage: Tomblaine to La Planchette des Belles Filles, medium mountains, 199 (123.7) (Chris Froome, Britain; Bradley Wiggins, Britain)

July 8 — Eighth Stage: Belfort to Porrentruy, medium mountains, 157.5 (97.9) (Thibaut Pinot, France; Wiggins)

July 9 — Ninth Stage: Arc-et-Senans to Besancon, individual time trial, 41.5 (25.8) (Wiggins; Wiggins)

July 10 — Rest Day: Macon

July 11 — 10th Stage: Macon to Bellgarde-sur-Valserine, high mountains, 194.5 (120.9)

July 12 — 11th Stage: Albertville to La Toussuire-Les Sybelles, high mountains, 148 (92)

July 13 — 12th Stage: Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne to Annemay Davezieux, medium mountains, 226 (140.4)

July 14 — 13th Stage: Saint-Paul-Trois-Chateaux to Le Cap d'Agde, plain, 217 (134.8)

July 15 — 14th Stage: Limoux to Foix, high mountains, 191 (118.7)

July 16 — 15th Stage: Samatan to Pau, plain, 158.5 (98.5)

July 17 — Rest Day: Pau

July 18 — 16th Stage: Pau to Bagneres-de-Luchon, high mountains, 197 (122.4)

July 19 — 17th Stage: Bagneres-de-Luchon to Peyragudes, high mountains, 143.5 (89.2)

July 20 — 18th Stage: Bagnac to Brive-la-Gaillarde, plain, 222.5 (138.3)

July 21 — 19th Stage: Bonneval to Chartres, individual time trial, 53.5 (33.1)

July 22 — 20th Stage: Rambouillet to Champs-Elysees, Paris, 120 (74.6)

Total — 3494.4 kilometers (2171.4 miles)

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Chicago	18	8	6	4	21	21	28
Houston	18	6	5	7	22	24	25
Columbus	16	6	6	4	17	17	22
New England	17	6	7	4	24	22	22
Montreal	20	6	11	3	27	36	21
Philadelphia	16	5	9	2	18	18	17
Toronto	17	2	11	4	18	33	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	19	11	4	4	36	24	37
Real Salt Lake	20	11	6	3	31	21	36
Vancouver	18	8	4	6	19	19	30
Seattle	19	8	5	6	23	19	30
Los Angeles	19	7	10	2	28	29	23
Colorado	18	7	10	1	25	24	22
Chivas USA	17	5	7	5	11	18	20
Portland	17	5	8	4	16	24	19
Dallas	19	3	9	7	17	26	16

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.

Sunday's results

Montreal 2 Columbus 1

Philadelphia 3 Toronto 0

Los Angeles 2 Chicago 0

New England 2 New York 0

Wednesday's game

Vancouver at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Saturday's games

Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Toronto at New England, 7:30 p.m.

Kansas City at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Dallas at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Los Angeles at Portland, 11 p.m.

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13. Martin Truex Jr., \$2,853,855

14. Ryan Newman, \$2,842,682

15. Clint Bowyer, \$2,771,170

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3. Austin Dillon, \$548,759

4. Cole Whitt, \$422,483

5. Michael Annett, \$416,303

6. Justin Allgaier, \$413,138

7. Sam Hornish Jr., \$411,748

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Engines

The CC's two-engine lineup is unaltered. The starting point is a 200-horsepower 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder that directs its power to the front wheels.

For more thrust, you can select an available 280-horsepower 3.6-litre V6 that also comes with Volkswagen's 4Motion four-wheel-drive.



The 2.0 engine can be mated to a six-speed manual transmission or optional six-speed automated manual that VW refers to as a Direct Shift Gearbox (DSG).

2013 Volkswagen CC

- **Type.** Four-door, front-/all-wheel-drive compact sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (200); 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (280).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.2/6.4 (2.0, MT).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$36,500.

Function over form

On the inside, the most noticeable change is a rear seat that is now a true bench design with a split-folding 60:40 seat back. Before, there was a two-bucket-seat-style arrangement separated by a storage compartment. Again it appears that function has won out over form.

Rear-end redesign

The CC's revised shape is certainly most obvious at the front but to a lesser degree it includes the opposite end where a new set of brighter and faster-acting light-emitting diode (LED) taillights have been installed. Fortunately, the car's signature fastback roofline remains the same sensuous shape as before.

Review. The sleek four-door dials back the design a touch, but maintains its high-style status in VW's lineup

From a corporate-branding standpoint, it likely makes sense to create a familiar "family" look between products.

Most automakers do it at the front end with the grille, bumper and the headlights. But does it make sense to pull back a good design just to make it fit the mold?

Many would argue that the Volkswagen CC was unique and special enough to

have its own signature style, but obviously the corporate bosses disagree.

Right off the bat, let's deal with the controversial side of CC's refreshing.

The delightfully delicate nose-piece hood and headlights attached to all previous models, beginning with the 2009 model year version, were unquestionably more appealing than the just-released 2013 edition. Having

said that, the CC is still good looking, only now it has more in common with the conservatively shaped Passat sedan.

And far be it for anyone to judge VW too harshly these days. The automaker is currently the new "in" brand and is selling both the Passat and smaller Jetta sedans just as fast as they roll off of their assembly lines in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Puebla, Mexico, respectively. In addition,

its other mix of passenger cars and tall wagons are doing a fairly brisk business.

Overall, the CC might not appeal to buyers with maximum practicality in mind, or fuel economy along with a down-to-earth price. But for a high-style sedan masquerading as a sport coupe that's geared for fun, this Volkswagen remains tops in its class, despite its more familial appearance.

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What's that smell?

Yuck. The noxious smells of spilled beverages, pet whatever, partially eaten food, barfy kids, tobacco smoke and, well, you get the picture. The makers of Eco Touch Odor Eliminator claim the product will "trap and eliminate (odours) on a microscopic level," leaving your vehicle smelling faintly of ... cucumbers. The product works by spraying the affected area on the floor or seat covers (except vinyl or leather) with one or two applications, depending on the severity of the odour, and simply let dry. Sounds promising, and for \$8 US for a five-ounce bottle, it's likely worth the attempt. Pick one up at ecotouch.net/odor-eliminator.

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The Chrysler Aspen, which was an upscale Dodge Durango twin, had a short-lived life with questionable success. Targeting buyers considering the Cadillac Escalade and Lincoln Navigator, this American luxury SUV was only available from 2007 to 2009 before being given the axe.

Aspen got seating for up to eight and a list of luxury goodies — including heated leather, a sunroof, premium audio, wood trim, automatic climate control, memory seating and more.

Common Issues

A check-engine light — possibly accompanied by reduced power output, a sporadic idle or lumpy acceleration — could be evidence of a bad engine control sensor.

A “scan” of the Aspen’s computer system by a dealer-certified mechanic can help ensure no computer-related problems are hiding. Check for smooth shifting, a steady idle, and even, hesitation-free acceleration at both moderate and full throttle.


A problem with the fuel-filler system may cause gas to spew out while filling up. Be sure to ask the seller if they’ve experienced this issue and whether they’ve had it remedied by the technical service bulletin issued by Chrysler.

Check for proper operation from all power windows and the sunroof. Proper operation of the climate control system should also be confirmed, and shoppers are also advised to check for rust on the bottom edges of the doors.




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Engine

 Chrysler’s award-winning 5.7-litre HEMI V8 supplied all Aspen models with 335 horsepower. An automatic transmission and four-wheel drive was standard.

What Owners Like

 Power output, size and space, comfort and capability are all highly rated in the Aspen owner community. Many owners also report confident towing abilities and passing, thanks to the HEMI powerplant.

What Owners Dislike

 Common Aspen complaints include gas mileage, a high step-in height, ‘numb’ steering and a dated-looking navigation system.

Verdict

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But by far, the best part of our road trip was an unexpected adventure along the way. On an excursion to Lake Louise we took a wrong turn, and found ourselves driving down a secluded road underneath a canopy of trees, all alone except for an occasional sighting of wildlife. The views were spectacular and no one was in a hurry to return to the highway, so we carried on.

Eventually, the pavement became bumpy gravel. Crawling along at 10km an hour, we finally came to the end of the road – with a magnificent vista in view: sparkling turquoise water encircled by rugged mountains. Rather than reaching our planned destination, we had accidentally discovered Lake Moraine, a pristine glacial lake, far away from the touristy crowds. We sat still and quiet in the car, taking in the breathtaking view and realizing how lucky we were to get lost after all.

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Taking the Si to 'the next level'

Performance. Honda Civic Si HFP adds more grip to Si's giddy-up

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For the last few decades the most potent Honda Civic model has been the Si. That changed this spring, when Honda introduced the Si HFP. The HFP suffix stands for Honda Factory Performance.

How it changes Si makes me think of Nigel Tufnel's guitar amps, you know, those famously tweaked amps that "go to eleven."

"We're not taking a very pedestrian car and turning it into a sporty car, we're already starting with a sporty car and fine tuning it, to take it to the next level," says Jonathon Wier, who is Honda Canada's product planner for the Civic line, and looks nothing like Spinal Tap's Nigel Tufnel.

And the fine tuning Wier speaks of is the sort undertaken by those who take their Civic Si models to the racetrack — bigger wheels (18-inch vs. 17-inch), stickier and stiffer tires (Michelin Pilot Super Sport), stiffer springs (by 40-50 per cent), and lowered ride height (by 10 mm). These changes also allow the Si HFP to run with more negative camber on the front suspension, furthering the vehicle's handling ability and steering feel.

The other HFP changes are all cosmetic: Front and side and rear underbody spoilers; Special HFP badging; HFP



The Honda Civic Si HFP comes with 18-inch Michelin Pilot Super Sport tires — the same that are used on some super cars. CONTRIBUTED

floormats.

You'll notice that the Si's 2.4-litre engine has not been touched. But we'll remind you that the Si's 2.4-litre engine, rated at 210 hp and 170 lb-ft of torque is a good whack more powerful than Civic's standard 1.8-litre (140 hp/128 lb-ft of torque), and that achieving "the next level" is more efficiently achieved by concentrating on increasing cornering speeds.

We had chance to sample the HFP's impressive cornering abilities in an appropriate venue — the Niagara Drive Centre (a.k.a. as the back runways of the Niagara International Airport, when aircraft are conveniently not

taking off and landing).

Not only does increased cornering speeds give you the most performance bang for the buck, the mods that make it possible also give you increased driving satisfaction — sharper handling, more bite when you first turn in, and more stimulating feedback.

Of course the 18-inch Michelin Pilot Super Sport tires, with their bigger and stickier contact patch and super stiffer sidewalls, are the biggest enablers of HFP's increased cornering prowess, but not every compact coupe would be able to make use of them, like this Honda can... These tires are original fit-



ment on a lot of super cars, such as Ferraris, and high-end BMWs and Porsches.

The HFP package is an \$2,800 upgrade on the Si

model, which starts the party going at \$25,990. You can buy all the HFP parts separately or together — if you did the later it would set you back

about \$4,000.

So relatively speaking, the Civic Si HFP is good value, and you get the benefit of Honda's R&D work in pre-selecting and engineering these bits to perfectly suit the Si — not the case with all aftermarket performance items.

Honda first tried this "HFP" thing on the Accord last year. Honda Canada only made 200 or so Accord HFPs, but limited availability was exactly the point of the exercise.

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I have a love-hate thing with vehicular air conditioning. Judging by how often I crank up the air, it's obvious the love side is winning.

But that only means I don't feel good about it, because there are a lot of things I don't like about air conditioning in a car. Here's the shortlist ...

If you have an automatic system that always tries to maintain a pre-set temperature, then you're always in for a treat when you jump in a hot car. The system automatically goes into full freezer mode. A sudden cold blast like that is such a shock to your system. It's particularly hard on my nipples.

Canada's Pollution Probe estimates that driving in the city with the air conditioning on full blast increases fuel consumption by 10 to 25 per cent.

My tendency to always



Turn on the A/C in your car and each one of your passengers will have something different to say about the setting you choose. Sadly, it's true. ISTOCK

crank it up at the mere hint of discomfort once again reminds me of my incredibly low pain threshold and wavering ecological tendencies.

Like I need reminding.
Not one passenger is happy
with whatever A/C setting the
driver selects.

"Oh you got air conditioning, great. "Could you turn it

up a bit?" "Maybe a bit more." "Maybe down a bit now." "How about less on my feet and more on my face?"

After that, they open the window, throwing the carefully constructed eco-system into chaos.

Also, air conditioning is but one more thing that "seals" us into our individual boxes, and

all that entails for motoring culture and etiquette. Dogs are my heroes in this regard; they're never happier as when they hang out an open window and face and embrace the world at 60 km/h.

But all this is not to say I want to go back to an un-air-conditioned existence. I like driving with an open window

as much as the next guy, but there is a point where pleasure bleeds into pain. Even if open windows keep you cool, the amount of hot air moving around means you can't hear each other or the stereo, and that all the moisture in your body shrivels up in minutes, like the world is a hair dryer and you're Justin Bieber's hair.

By the way, Pollution Probe notes that the increased drag you create by open windows is still better for fuel efficiency than running your A/C — only at illegal high speeds is the situation reversed.

As a general guide, until the noise from the wind rushing past the open windows becomes too loud to speak over, you are saving more fuel by keeping the windows down and the A/C off. Vehicle air conditioning systems, however, are also getting progressively better at using less energy. Hybrids are also pioneering the use of "electrically" driven air conditioning compressors — their big batteries and superior charging abilities give them this opportunity. (Typically, A/C compressors are driven off the engine's accessory drive belt, which makes engines work harder and consequently, thirstier.)

You also gotta love those luxury cars equipped with heated and cooled seats. If it's a scorching day, you owe it to yourself to try one of these seats, and be relieved by having cool air seep into your core area, which includes your groin. It's an experience everyone should have on their bucket list.

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Going small — super small in some cases — saves gas, but does that mean the fun is slowly being sapped from your automobile? That's just one perception a number of automakers will likely battle as they showcase light and lively entries in the steadily growing sub-compact-car class. Here are a few small-car offerings worth considering.

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Honda CR-Z

Honda's follow-up to the much-loved CRX hatchback is not just any car: it's a gasoline-electric hybrid that can be had with a six-speed manual transmission. At a base price of about \$22,600, the CR-Z makes 122 horsepower, but seats just two people. Being a hybrid, city fuel economy is a respectable 6.5 l/100 km.



2

Scion iQ

The iQ has seating for at least two, and possibly as many as four passengers, although those tagging along in the back will have to be child-sized.

A 93-horsepower four-cylinder engine connects to a continuously variable transmission in a car that weighs about 1,000 kilograms, soaking wet.

Base price: \$18,300 including destination charges.



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Ford Fiesta

Ford's smallest car replaced the Focus as the automaker's price-leader model. Available in both sedan and hatchback styles, the German-designed Fiesta has a thrifty 120-horsepower 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine. Pricing begins at less than \$16,000, taxes in.



Mazda2

Built off the same basic platform as the Ford Fiesta, the tiny Mazda2 features plenty of style and a healthy dose of dash from its 102-horsepower four-cylinder engine.

The Mazda2 lineup in Europe and Asia will include a sharp-looking wagon and two-door hatchback, but the only model offered here is the four-door hatchback.

Figure on spending about \$15,500 to park the "2" in your garage.



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Fiat 500

Chrysler LLC's answer to the Mini Cooper had a rocky start in North America, but the little two-door definitely resonates with some buyers, while the addition of the convertible broadens the customer base. Power comes from a 101-horse 1.4-litre four-cylinder engine, but a performance-oriented "Abarth" model delivers additional gusto with a 160-horsepower turbocharged four-cylinder. Prices start at about \$15,000, including destination charges.



Hyundai Accent

What has to be one of the most-improved vehicles on the road still comes in four-door sedan and hatchback formats and although they come with a powerful-for-the-class 138-horse 1.6-litre four-cylinder, the Accent still pulls down 5.0 l/100 km on the highway. With gorgeous styling, the Accent is no longer just an inexpensive car.



6

Chevrolet Spark

A cute-as-a-button mini-hatch is built on a General Motors global platform and will stress maximum space use and fuel economy at a minimum (\$13,500 estimated) price. A 1.2-litre engine making 85 horsepower is all you get, but it's likely all you'll need with such a small four-door car.



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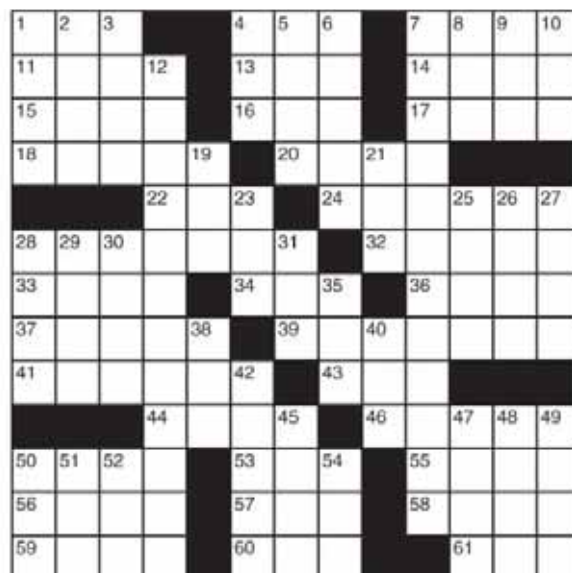
Mini Coupé and Roadster

The expanding Mini lineup now includes two nifty two seaters. Both the fixed-roof Coupé and the open-top Roadster feature a more streamlined windshield than the four-passenger Cooper, as well as a decent-sized trunk. Like all other Minis, this pair starts with a mild-mannered and thrifty four-cylinder, although more performance-oriented versions can be ordered. Prices begin in the \$26,000 range, including destination charges.

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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

What worked for you in the past won't necessarily work for you in the future, so be ready to move with the times. Always be flexible.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Change may not come easily to those born under the sign of the bull but change you must — and soon. Let the planets guide you today and let the world see that you've got an adventurous side too.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You already know what is and is not possible — you don't need anyone telling you — and if you apply that knowledge, you will enjoy success.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Others may make light of your efforts but the planets indicate you are on the verge of a major success that will make critics green with envy.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Planets warn if you try to get out of what you are expected to do today, you'll have to do twice as much tomorrow.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

You have some tough tasks ahead of you and no doubt you are worried that you might fail. Don't be. If you approach what you have to do in the right spirit, you will win through sooner or later — probably sooner.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Saturn in your sign warns you must not take shortcuts. A job that is worth doing is a job that is worth doing well — and a job that is done well is likely to be well rewarded.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You will have to be firm with a friend or work colleague today. If you let them off the hook now, they'll only let you down again later. Next time, the consequences will be dire.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Try not to be too eager when negotiating with people who have something you want. If they get the impression that you are desperate, you will end up paying double.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

With Saturn, your ruler, moving through the career area of your chart, you must be serious about your ambitions.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

You have been thinking about making some big changes for quite some time but you are still in the same place. It's time to get serious.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Everyone seems to be on your case at the moment and you are wondering what you have done to deserve such negativity. Don't worry, they will get over it. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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